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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

SUBJECT : Hardening of the Relocation Site at the

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1. This Agency's emergency relocation site at the [REDACTED] Center was one of 14 such sites selected for hardening against the effects of fallout by the terms of a Cabinet Paper approved by the President on 9 June 1959. The paper prescribed that the hardening of all the sites would be done as one Government-wide project by the General Services Administration under the direction of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization; that individual departments and agencies concerned would not have responsibility for the planning, justification, or construction of their respective structures under the terms of the project; that, instead, OCDM-GSA would make all surveys of the sites, including studies of soil and rock formations, would draw the plans and specifications accordingly, would make the justification and obtain the funds, and would construct the facilities at the sites. Later, after a series of meetings with designated representatives of OCDM and GSA, we submitted to them information and data on CIA requirements for inclusion within the project. [REDACTED] of the Office of Logistics worked with me in compiling and submitting this material. Although the presidential decision and policy expressed in the paper cited above still are in effect and have not been altered or modified by the present administration, no money ever has been appropriated by the Congress to implement the site-hardening program.

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2. The Deputy Director (Support) has directed that a plan of occupancy and list of present requirements be drawn up and kept in readiness for presentation to OCDM in the event that money ever is made available and it is decided to go forward with the program of hardening the site. Accordingly, I have met with planning representatives of those DD/S elements most directly concerned with this matter. Your office was represented by [REDACTED]

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3. It was the consensus of opinion of all representatives that the hardened facility should be capable of accommodating the Initial Emergency Relocation Force in its entirety, and in addition, those persons on duty and assigned to the [REDACTED] in various capacities, an aggregate total of 1500 people. This was the figure submitted to OCDM and GSA as stated above in paragraph 1. In addition, it was agreed that the hardened facility, if constructed, should contain warehouse space of sufficient capacity to store

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all supplies needed for emergency relocation purposes. It was agreed, moreover, that the feasibility of locating certain present activities, such as communications and dispensary accommodations, permanently within the hardened facility should be determined.

4. All representatives agreed to submit to me by 19 May 1961 the basic data upon which to prepare the plan contemplated.

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